

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 31, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 6, 7 and 22 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added and no new issues are raised which require further consideration or search. Claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12, 13, 16-18 and 22-25 are presently pending.

The Office Action has rejected claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action alleged that the term “it” in claims 6, 7 and 22 is indefinite because it is unclear as to what “it” represents. In an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claims 6, 7 and 22 to clarify that claim recitation. For instance, each of the claims 6, 7 and 22 now recite

“wherein each asynchronous transfer mode adaptation layer 2 cell stream contains different call IDs mapped into the asynchronous transfer mode adaptation layer 2 cell stream, in which said different call IDs are contained, under the control of a control unit timer.”

In view of the above-noted claim amendments to claims 6, 7 and 22, Applicants submit that it is clear that the different call IDs are mapped into the asynchronous transfer mode adaptation layer 2 cell stream and that each asynchronous transfer mode adaptation layer 2 cell stream contains different call IDs. Accordingly, all currently pending claims 1, 3-7, 10,

12, 13, 16-18 and 22-25 comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection and an allowance of all outstanding claims is kindly requested.

For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully request that all of claims 1, 3-7, 10, 12, 13, 16-18 and 22-25 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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